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THE TOWN MEETING last Wednesday proved to be an invaluable experience. Townspeople numbering over 100 attended the event. The police issue took precedence at this meeting, although everyone came with various needs. As the Service Club has been established, it will now address itself to these many voices, continue to open channels of communication and proceed to effect a balance between Aromas needs and the attention paid to them. At the next meeting of the Service Club, by-laws will be adopted and officers elected. This will take placeWednesday, April 7, 7:30 PM at the Fire Station. The meeting is open to the public. Anyone desiring to be a member of this organization should certainly attend. Another town meeting will be scheduled in May, unless need arises sooner. Please contact a member of the service club if you have an issue to be placed on the agenda.

WILSON RILES dinner. State Superintendant of Public Education, Wilson Riles, addressed himself to over 290 persons attending the 20th District P.T.A. Council dinner at Cabrillo College. He made it clear that if it hadn't been for the P.T.A., the educational component of parent involvement would not have been met with such enthusiasm. P.T.A. works long and hard for community involvement at the school and has for years and years produced effective lobbies at district, state, and national levels.

SCHOOL BOARD. Approved: That teachers be given a 4% raise retroactive to July 1 and the teacher's work day stay at the present 7½ hour length. Also, management and personnel will receive a 4% raise retroactive to July 1. Dr. Raynor said after the meeting that the administration intends to facilitate the raises as quickly as possible.

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SCHOOL ADVISORY COMMITTEE. Convened Thursday, April 1 to adopt by-laws and re-elect officers. Gayle Hopper has resigned as Chairperson; she has worked diligently with this brand new (to Aromas School) concept of community involvement. She remains an aide and in close touch with the real objects of our travails - the students. Officers elected: Carole Jones, Chairperson; Earlene Martinez, Vice-Chairperson, Melinda Carpenter, Secretary; and Donna Valdez, Treasurer. Committees were appointed to clarify objectives (particular to Aromas School) and to address themselves to the task of complying with the State monitoring team's findings. All committees are representative of staff, parents, and administration. All school advisory committees must have at least 51% parent (non-paid) involvement. We need someone on our committee who is neither the parent of a student at Aromas School or a paid employee. Is there someone out there who is willing to represent our community-at-large for our school?

Newly interested may attend meetings and, upon consent of the committee, become alternates for members unable to attend due to illness or other emergencies. The alternates will have voting power in these instances.

Next regular meeting will be Thursday, May 6, from 2 to 4 PM. Project-writing will be taking place until then, so look for announcements and be on hand when possible to help construct next year's programs for our students' increased learning and variety of experience. Next year E.C.E. funds (K-3rd grade) amount to $24,000. Perhaps you would like to help us decide how this money may best serve our children.

DEAR AROMAS,

I was very happy to meet your people at the Grange meeting last Friday night, March 26th. To me everyone was so friendly and cheerful.

Since it was my first visit at a Grange meeting I was awed by their formality and goal. Their purpose in making life worthwhile for everyone should make each one in Aromas glad to be a member and come out to every meeting.

Fourteen new members were initiated that night. Everyone said it was the largest group ever to be initiated at one time. The future members waited in the dining area for the appropriate time to be ushered into the auditorium by a uniformed officer. From time to time we could hear music coming from the room. Later we saw Mrs. Carole Jones at the piano.

Mrs. Carole Jones played an appropriate piece while they marched by twos through an open door guarded by the uniformed officer in charge. And stood in front of Mr. Karl Klauman for the obligation. His authority came from Master of the Grange, Mr. Sam Worell. Also, Mrs. Jones played familiar tuned intermediately during the meeting.

And the pot-luck supper which is served before the meeting shouldn't be missed either. Such a variety of good food cheers the heaviest heart, and is prepared by each family attending. My taste buds tell me that Aromas is filled with good cooks.

So to make a lovely setting the long tables with white-papered tops were decorated with colored streamers and flowers down the center. Also we ate from China plates and silver ware. A real treat from paper plates.

It's a grand meeting place to sum up everything.

by: Esther C. Young

GRANGE. The Grange business meeting will take place this Friday, the 9th at 8 PM. The potluck dinner will take place two weeks from that evening and is open to all. Tickets will be sold to place in someone's lucky hands a framed 24 x 28 oil painting of an Aromas landscape by Mrs. Viola Herrlich. Donation 50¢ or 3 for $1. The drawing will take place at the Grange Hall on May 23, 1976.

FIRE DISTRICT. The regularly scheduled meeting for April is Tuesday, the 13th at 7:30 PM at the Fire Station. You may be interested in this one, especially! ISSUE: THE BUDGET. Our firemen could use a pay raise. Let us support these men who serve this community in so many ways.

LIBRARY. The library auxiliary will meet on Wednesday at 10 AM to discuss needs with Mrs. Martin, our librarian. A summer program will be designed to meet the imagination of our children at least one day a week.

KINDERGARTEN "ROUND-UP" at Aromas Community Baptist Church (Rooms in Rear) on Thursday, April 8 from 1 to 4 PM. For any youngsters, living in the Aromas School District who will be 5 years of age on or before December 2, 1976. Call Aromas School (728-3611) for arrangements and forms. Come to the round-up and bring birth certificate or other legal verification of birthdate, and verification of polio, measles, and DPT immunization.

PARENTS ... by Barbara Morales, 724-6879

It has been suggested that mothers who are interested in children's activities form a telephone tree to pool information and transportation. This way we could keep up on happenings in Salines, Hollister, Gilroy and Santa Cruz, as well as Watsonville. Activities would be children's theatre, special park programs, museum exhibits, parades...etc. Anything that might interest children and broaden their awareness of the world outside our little community would be welcome. If you want to phone or be phoned, please call me or send your name to school in an envelope with my name on it.

PADRES DE FAMILIA ... by Barbara Morales, 724-6879

Si ud.s tienen interes in actividades para ninos en el rumbo de Aromas, por ejemplo Hollister, Gilroy, Santa Cruz, Watsonville, y Salinas, se puede juntar con el arbol de teleffonos. Asi repartinios informacion sobre desfiles, teatro para ninos, programas en parques, museos, etc. Tambien podemos repartir transportacion. Los que tengen interes por favor me llaman or mandan una notita a la escuela con mi nombre.

HOUSING - P.V.U.S.D. There will be meetings at the district level to decide the issue of housing our students. Pajaro School will be completed providing the finest facility available. It has been suggested that Aromas 7th and 8th graders attend Pajaro School beginning in September of 1977. E.A. Hall would become a 6-7-8 grade school. If you have any interest in formulating these plans, suggesting alternative plans, or desire to know more, please contact Carole Jones, 724-0588.

CALENDAR - APRIL 5th through APRIL 19th

MON. 5TH
10-11:15 AM Aromas School Preschool Center open
10:30 AM Aromas Women's Consciousness Raising, 722-9613
6:45 PM Talent Show Dress Rehearsal

TUES. 6TH
10-11:15 Aromas School Children's Center open
1-3 PM Sr. Citizens Fitness & Body Awareness, 127 E. Beach, Watsonville
2:30-3:30, 3:30-4:30 and 4-5 PM. Orientation Sessions for Child Development Resource Center (Infancy thru 3rd grade) at Cabrillo College. Call Aromas School for arrangements.
3:30 PM SHADES OF NANCY DREW, Dramatization. Watsonville Public Lib.
6 PM Playground Potluck at the Jones', 3580 Viola Drive.
7:45 PM "Inside Germany", narrated by Russ Potter. Watsonville High.

WED. 7TH
10-11:15 AM Aromas School Children's Center open
10 AM Library Auxiliary at the library
7:30 PM AROMAS SERVICE CLUB at Fire Station

THURS. 8TH
9 AM Visit to Hall District School (Las Lomas)
10-11:15 Aromas School Preschool Center open
10:30 AM Preschool Story Hour at the Library
12 Noon. Alternative Education meeting at the Jones'. Carlos Lopez, South Zone Administrator to be present.
2 PM Monterey County Zoning Hearing. Salinas Courthouse.
1-4 PM Kindergarten Round-Up. Community Baptist Church.
3 PM Spanish at the Jones'.
3-4 PM Guitar lessons at Aromas School
7:30 PM Women'a Consciousness Raising, 306 Bardue
7:30 PM Volunteer Fire Drill
7:30 PM AROMAS SCHOOL PRESENTS AROMAS TAIENT NIGHT!!! ENTERTAINMENT!!! M.C.'d by Jim Maya and directed by Linda Child. y'all come.

FRI. 9TH
10-11:15 AM Aromas School Children's Center open
8 PM Grange business meeting

SAT. 10TH
CHILDREN'S DAY, Callahan Park, Watsonville. (Dance, Theatre, Films, Arts & Crafts offered) By Santa Cruz Children's Commission. 11 AM-4 PM.

MON. 12TH
EASTER VACATION BEGINS (Through Monday, April 19th)

TUES. 13TH
7:30 PM Fire District meeting. BUDGET HEARINGS.

THURS. 15TH — PASSOVER
DRAWING - Fire Department Raffle for "Traction Splint".

FRI. 16TH — GOOD FRIDAY

SUN. 18TH — EASTER

MON. 19TH — SCHOOL RESUMES

NEED A HOUSE TO RENT. Fireman's family needs a house within the Fire District. Gayle and Jim Hopper, 728-3014.

HAVE YOU SEEN BECKY KITT'S JACKET? It is size 8, has a white quilted topside and white soft lining. The hood is fur trimmed. The fitted waist is top stitched with 3 or 4 rows of red stitching. Zips up the front. Please return to Aromas School office or call 728-2316. $4 reward.

'51 CHEVY PICK-UP. As is. Radio and heater. Call 722-0983, 1100 Carr Avenue.

POEMS - selected by Kathleen Tidwell, Age 9, Room 7
Grandma's Poem: A peanut sat on a railroad track, Hi heart was all a flutter,
Along came a choo-choo train, Toot-toot peanut butter. -end-

I don't know who this Indian is, a bow within his hand
But he is hiding by a tree and watching white men land.
They may be gods - they may be friends, they certainly look glum.
He wonders who on earth they are and why on earth they've come. -end-

This person in the gaudy clothes is worthy Captain Kidd
They say he never buried gold; I think perhaps he did. -end-

POEMS BY MANUEL NETTO, Age 11, Room 10

Here lies what's left of Leslie Moore. No less. No more. -end-
The bull went to school.
The cow made a foul.
The mouse is in our house. -end-
There was a man from Blackheat, who sat on his set of false teeth.
He said in a start, O'Lord bless my heart, I've bitten my underneath!
-end-
There was a farmer from Leeds who swallowed six packets of seeds,
It soon came to pass he was covered with grass
And couldn't sit down for weeds. -end-
I never saw a purple cow, I never hope to see one;
But I can tell you anyhow, I'd rather see one than be one. -end-

ANIMALS ... by Mike Lenhardt, Age 11, Room 10, Mr. Bell

SNAKES. There are all different kinds of snakes. Some bite, some don't. Some are poisonous, some aren't. But one of the most lengthy snakes in the world is an Anaconda. Which grows up to 25 feet or more. They pray on deer, bobcats, and other large animals. Another large snake is the python. A large snake that crushes its prey. Pythons usually live in trees.

CATS. The lion is the largest of the cat family, a large strong mammal that is found in Africa. And Southern Asia. And is about 3½ feet in heighth. And weighs up to 500 pounds. Another member of the cat family is the Puma. A large African cat, the Puma is also known as the mountain lion.

W E A L T H

To have a sense of appreciation that some things are of more value than others, and that inward assurance that the soul is good friends with what makes the birds sing, the flowers grow, and the stars twinkle, lends a quiet, inward calm beside which other forms of pleasure and rewards are as nothingness itself.

To earn a little, to spend a little less than one earns;
to love and nurture a few living things ... a shy little plant in the window, or an affectionate dog; to thrill at the sight of a morning sunbeam lacing itself through the dinginess of your room;
to own and often read a few dear old books until they grow as intimate as a prayer; to have a few understanding friends to whom you never need explain, and then to know how to keep that friendship in repair;
to be able to entertain youself with the memory of deeds done for themselves alone without any desire for reward or applause, and with thoughts that cluster like a wistaria round a noble purpose, and thus make fragrant your solitude;
to be content with the homey things that are nearest -- daily bread, daily loves, daily duties -- so that eventide a simple prayer with the benediction of sound sleep, while the silent stars keep vigil overhead, and the childlike trust that God is behind all ...
Ah, that is to live with plenty, which is just enough to make life what it should be ... an adventure in happiness where one finds those precious things that neither age nor misfortune can snatch away! ..... W. Waldemar Argow

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Life is real! Life is earnest!
And the grave is not its goal;
Dust thou art, to dust returnest,
Was not spoken of the soul.
...from PSALM OF LIFE by Longfellow

Were I so tall to reach the Pole,
Or grasp the ocean with my span,
I must be measured by my soul:
The mind's the standard of the man.
...Dr. Watts

Children have more need of models than of critics ... Joubert

All who joy would win must share it,
Happiness was born a twin ... Byron

T H A N K S

Thanks for the smile you gave me today. -
You'll never know how it paved my way
With joy. - How it made everything right. -
Thanks. - Now,-I'm not afraid of the night.
Thanks for the kind word. - I didn't tell you,
But I held it close the long day through. -
Your kind words made me brave in a trial.
Thanks for your kindness. - Thanks for your
smile. -

..... Frances Angermayer

DON'T FORGET ——— AROMAS TAIENT SHOW on THURSDAY, APRIL 8TH AT 7:30 PM !!!
(let us entertain you; we've worked hard to!)

Essay on Prayer from a friend:

There are times in all our lives that we think beyond matters of the moment to those of eternity. Our minds tend to turn to God in times of emergency and at these transcendent events, births, marriages, and deaths.

Then, too, during our traditional religious holidays, Christmas and Easter, most of us like to spend some time during the social whirl to think about the contact between the Infinite and the finite which is the basic reason for celebrating these holidays.

In these times, we may think to pray - to make a heartfelt petition for our true needs and for the needs of those around us, for our country, and, perhaps, for the survival and the uplifting of the world in these troubled times.

The prayer that is most familiar to most of us is the Lord's Prayer:

Our Father, who art in heaven, Hallowed be thy name, Thy Kingdom come,
Thy will be done, On earth as it is in heaven, Give us this day
our daily bread, Forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors
And lead us not into temptation, But deliver us from evil,
For thine is the Kingdom, the power and the glory, Forever. Amen.

Nothing can match the simplicity and yet, the profundity of these words. What a matchless personality must have conceived this prayer; no matter what may be our differing opinions concerning Jesus' origin and mission.

Yet, I feel that he would like to express our relationship with the Godhead, each in our unique ways. He told us to pray personally in secret and in our own way, but he himself gave us a social prayer.

When Jesus first gave this petition to God it was probably in the Nazareth home as suggestive phrases for his littler brothers and sisters. And so even the Master intended us to look into the words not so much to improve upon them (which may be impossible) but to better understand them. And so it goes ...

"Our Father", -By this I believe it is meant: God of all creation, especially our divine Parent of the entire human family.

"Who art in heaven", -The One who exists in the source and center of all universes of universes.

"Hallowed be thy name". -Glorify your name through our eternal achievement. We honor you above all things and people.

"Your Kingdom come, Your will be done, On earth as it is in heaven". -Establish on our planet and in our hearts the Fatherhood of God and the brotherhood of man.

"Give us this day our daily bread". -May we realize that as we earn and eat each day's sustenance that there is a transcendency of the spiritual over the material, that our souls are nurtured by the bread of life and refreshed by the waters of the spirit.

"Forgive our debts", -Forget us not as we so often neglect and forget you.

"As we forgive our debtors". -May we act out the Golden Rule so that we treat others as we would have them treat us.

"Lead us not into temptation", -Do not make it necessary that we undergo trouble to bring us to your way.

"Deliver us from evil". -Save us from the effects of the transgressions of sin and let us not stray into the naturally devious bypaths of our imaginations.

"For thine is the Kingdom, the power and the glory, Forever". -May we all love our Supreme Father with all our hearts, minds and strength, and may we love our brothers and sisters as we would have them love us, even as Jesus loves us.

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(LET US ALL RISE TO THE OCCASION: EASTER.)
May yours each be truly blessed.